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TAGS: PINT, U.K. (N.I.)

SUBJECT: BELFAST BOMB KILLS FOUR

REF: BELFAST 14

- 1. BOMB EXPLODED WITHOUT WARNING IN STORE IN DOWNTOWN BELFAST SHOPPING ARCARDE AT NOON JANUARY 13 KILLING TWO WOMEN TWO MEN AND HOSPITALIZING TWENTY, ONE OF WHOM CRITICALLY WOUNDED. POLICE BELIEVE BOMB EXPLODED PREMATURELY AND KILLED TWO MEMBERS PROVISIONAL IRA ONE MAN ONE WOMAN WHO HANDLING IT AT TIME. SO FAR NO ORGANIZATION HAS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY
- 2. REVEREND IAN PAISLEY POINT TO INCIDENT AS PROOF POLITICAL
 SETTLEMENT WOULD NOT RPT NOT DETER TERRORISTS. SECRETARY OF
 STATE MERLYN REES IN PRESS CONFERENCE BEING HELD AT TIME
 OF BLAST PREDICTED THAT IF POLITICAL AGREEMENT ACHIEVED "TOMORROW"
 THERE WOULD BE INSTANT ESCALATION OF VIOLENCE ON PART OF SOME
 PARAMILITARIES BECAUSE THEY DO NOT WANT AGREEMENT. HE ALSO
 STATED FORENSIC TESTS HAD ESTABLISHED COUNTY ARMAGH BUS AND
 TULLYVALEN ORANGE HALL MASSACRES AS WELL AS OTHER MURDERS HAD
 BEEN COMMITTED BY SAME GROUP WHICH HE IDENTIFIED AS PROVISIONALS.
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